
Introduced by Senator Murray

February 3, 2004

An act to amend Section 185020 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1169, as introduced, Murray. High-Speed Rail Authority.

Existing law establishes the High-Speed Rail Authority consisting of 9 members appointed by the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 185020 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:
3 185020. (a) There is in state government a High-Speed Rail
4 Authority.
5 (b) (1) The authority is composed of nine members as follows:
6 (A) Five members appointed by the Governor.
7 (B) Two members appointed by the Senate Committee on
8 Rules.
9 (C) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
10 (2) For the purposes of making appointments to the authority,
11 the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of
12 the Assembly shall take into consideration geographical diversity
13 to ensure that all regions of the state are adequately represented.



1 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (d), and until their
2 successors are appointed, members of the authority shall hold
3 office for terms of four years. A vacancy shall be filled by the
4 appointing power making the original appointment, by appointing
5 a member to serve the remainder of the term.

6 (d) (1) On and after January 1, 2001, the terms of all persons
7 who are then members of the authority shall expire, but those
8 members may continue to serve until they are reappointed or until
9 their successors are appointed. In order to provide for evenly
10 staggered terms, persons appointed or reappointed to the authority
11 after January 1, 2001, shall be appointed to initial terms to expire
12 as follows:

13 (A) Of the five persons appointed by the Governor, one shall
14 be appointed to a term ~~which~~ that expires on December 31, 2002,
15 one shall be appointed to a term ~~which~~ that expires on December
16 31, 2003, one shall be appointed to a term ~~which~~ that expires on
17 December 31, 2004, and two shall be appointed to terms ~~which~~
18 that expires on December 31, 2005.

19 (B) Of the two persons appointed by the Senate Committee on
20 Rules, one shall be appointed to a term ~~which~~ that expires on
21 December 31, 2002, and one shall be appointed to a term ~~which~~
22 that expires on December 31, 2004.

23 (C) Of the two persons appointed by the Speaker of the
24 Assembly, one shall be appointed to a term ~~which~~ that expires on
25 December 31, 2003, and one shall be appointed to a term ~~which~~
26 that expires on December 31, 2005.

27 (2) Following expiration of each of the initial terms provided
28 for in this subdivision, the term shall expire every four years
29 thereafter on December 31.

30 (e) Members of the authority are subject to the Political Reform
31 Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000)).

32 (f) From among its members, the authority shall elect a
33 chairperson, who shall preside at all meetings of the authority, and
34 a vice chairperson to preside in the absence of the chairperson. The
35 chairperson shall serve a term of one year.

36 (g) Five members of the authority constitute a quorum for
37 taking any action by the authority.